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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Claims 1-26 are pending in the above-referenced application. In the March 5, 2009 Office Action, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions :

Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a method

Group II: Claims 13-26, drawn to a product

In response, Applicants elect **Group II** without traverse.

The examiner has stated that if claims directed to the product are elected, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from, or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claims, will be considered for rejoinder. In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability. See Office Action paragraph 6 on pages 3 and 4.

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In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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